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## INS Deports Triple Murder Suspect to Mexico

**CHICAGO, IL. October 21, 1999** - The U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS) removed from the United States yesterday a 20-year-old Mexican national who is wanted by Mexican officials for his alleged involvement in a 1998 triple robbery/murder investigation.

On October 13, 1999, after being stopped for a traffic violation by the Melrose Park Police Department, Julio Edgar Quinones-Centeno, of 117 21<sup>st</sup> Street in Melrose Park, told the police that he might be wanted for homicide in Mexico. Quinones-Centeno had become nervous when the police began routine computerized record checks.

In attempting to verify this information, the Melrose Park Police Department contacted the Central States Command Center, an INS facility in Chicago that provides 24-hour immigration support to law enforcement agencies throughout the Midwest.

The Command Center, after networking with foreign INS offices in Mexico, D.F. and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, determined that Quinones-Centeno was wanted by police in Durango, Mexico on charges of Murder, Robbery and violations of Humanitarian Law.

Quinones-Centeno informed INS agents that he fled Mexico after the murders had occurred. Quinones-Centeno paid a smuggler to bring him into the United States illegally through El Paso, Texas, and then made his way to the Chicago area, where he took up residence in Melrose Park.

INS transported Quinones-Centeno to the Mexican border in Laredo, Texas on Wednesday night. He was turned over to the custody of police officials in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, who will deliver him to the Durango police.

“The INS has a network of offices throughout the United States and at key points throughout world,” said INS District Director Brian R. Perryman. “This is the type of global interconnected law enforcement that our Central States Command Center provides all law enforcement agencies located in the eighteen-state region we service.”

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